Buffalo Herd Roams Along Right-of-Way

CLAYTON, N. M. (U.P.)—The unusual sight of buffalo roaming along a railroad right-of-way near here caused trainmen to bat their eyes in amazement. Motorists also reported seeing the animals.

Clayton officers and cowhands went to the scene and pursued the beasts in two automobiles. When they approached too close the animals turned and charged. Screaming auto horns caused them to turn tail and flee again. Where the animals came from is a mystery.

Creosote Hurled at Laundry Plant

What William Rojo, president of the Torrance Laundry and Dry Cleaning company, believes was the second attempt to burn his Carson street plant where C. I. O. pickets are continuing their strike activities occurred at 11:30 last Thursday night. Men riding in two automobiles hurled three bottles filled with creosote at the Border avenue frontage, smashing five windows and damaging some linen inside the laundry.

Rojo said Friday morning that he was convinced the creosote-throwing was preliminary to an attempted arson. The night-watchman at the plant saw the men in the car and informed the laundry owner who called police. Although a patrol car cruised about the neighborhood no trace of the men was found. One of the bottles of creosote did not break and this was held for fingerprint tests.

Continue Picketing

On June 14, 17 days after the strike started, the local fire department was called to extinguish a blaze in an awning at the laundry plant, the fire believed caused by a cigarette thrown into the canvas.

A spokesman for the strikers said that they intended to continue picketing the laundry until all their demands are met. These are: Immediate reinstatement of the six who were allegedly discharged shortly before May 28 for "union activities," and the re-employment of "all the rest of us on the picket line within three weeks."

Indian Influence Deep In Naming of States

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (U.P.) — American Indians had an important part in naming many states of the nation.

Wyoming was called "M'cheuwomink" by the Indians, a Smithsonian Institution survey reveals.

Nebraska means "flat water" to the Sioux tribes; Oklahoma is the Choctaw word for "red people," and Missouri got its name from an Algonquin phrase meaning "he of the big canoe."

Minnesota, literally translated from the Siouxan, means "land of the sky-blue water."

Modern Darius Green Plans Leap to Fame—Or Death

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Like the "Darius Green and his flyin' machine" of the old poem, Leo Bretz, shown above with his home-made duralumin wings, has announced he will defy the law of gravity. On Sept. 7 at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, he plans to leap from a plane at 14,000 feet elevation in an effort to prove the wings attached to his body will carry him through the air like a bird in flight. Two parachutes, one on his chest and one on his back, will be released in case of difficulty, providing he doesn't go into a tailspin and find himself unable to use them. Bretz is shown on a recent visit to Seattle, Wash.

Owner Solves Mystery of His 'Stolen' Car

Local police were confronted with a "missing car mystery" over last week-end. The solution was reported by the "victim" Jack Walker of 3061 231st street an hour after he had announced the theft of his machine from his garage at home.

Walker, on his second trip to the police station, somewhat sheepishly reported that the car was back of his place. He said that after he had gone back home from reporting its "theft" his sister had informed him she used the car that day and it was now back in the garage.

"Just another case where two keys to a car may cause some misunderstanding," Police Chief G. M. Calder sighed.

Rippy Clarifies New Ordinance

In response to inquiries from local business firms, City Attorney C. T. Rippy clarified the amendment to the business license ordinance affecting firms employing but one person and doing a gross business of $5,000 or less per year.

"The amending change cannot apply to new business and will not be effective for present firms until July 1, 1938, altho it is actually in effect right now," the attorney stated. "The reason for this is because the firms coming in the one-employe, $5,000 gross revenue yearly classification must have a year to go to determine if they are within that class."

Dealer Fee Pro-Rated

The old ordinance, which still applies to firms employing more than one worker and doing more business than $5,000 annually, provides for a city license fee of $12 or more. The reduced fee for the smaller firms is $5 annually.

Rippy also called attention to the fact that the amendment to the business license measure affecting dealers in used cars exclusively, provides that the license fee of $120 yearly is pro-rated from the time such firms start business. This does not mean that present dealers in used cars will escape paying the annual charge—they must pay it at once and also post a $2,000 bond with the city.

Grzwaczewski Becomes Gray

LITTLE FALLS, N.Y. (U.P.)—Because their eldest son, Frank "attends college and has had considerable difficulty in pronouncing his name," Ignatz and Wadyeslaw Grzwaczewski were permitted to change the family name to Gray.

Tax Bills to Total $5.08 Per $100 Here

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mendations for adjustment of the salary schedules. The bureau found that a number of inequalities exist in these schedules, which, if they were remedied would result in considerable saving to the county.

Local taxpayers owning land within the Municipal Water District No. 1 will also pay 55 cents additional per $100 of assessed real (land) property to provide for the interest on the city water bonds. Only land values will be subjected to this assessment, which is equalized and, in most cases, entirely nullified by the reduced water charges which went into effect last June.

Property owners in territories annexed to the original Torrance have a municipal tax of $1.07, as compared to the $1.10 charged those within the original city limits. They are not charged for the 1922 bonds, a tax cost of three cents per $100 assessed valuation.

Pension Fund Fought

A legal fight against the monumental school budget was launched by a group of embattled taxpayers Tuesday when a temporary injunction against more than half a million dollars budgeted for teachers' pensions was granted by superior Judge Wilson. The court gave the school executives and the Board of Supervisors until Sept. 15 to show cause why the injunction should not be made permanent.

The pension fund and the resumption of salary increases to teachers are said to be among the chief reasons why the Los Angeles city school tax was increased 33 cents over last year's levy. The injunction suit was filed by Elizabeth A. Davis, head of the woman's department of the Property Owners' association of California.

It attacks the teachers' pensions on the theory that the act permitting it adopted by the last Legislature is unconstitutional in that it delegates legislative power to the school board which should be vested only in the Legislature. The pension fund is contained in a $580,000 in the school budget.

Cotton Fabric Tested On New Jersey Road

PENNSGROVE, N. J. (U.P.)—Cotton fabric is being tested as a highway surface on a experimental strip of road near here.

The experiment, sponsored by the Federal government, has the double purpose of attempting to find a new market for cotton and of lengthening the life of roadways. The fabric will prevent ruts and roughness in roads according to government engineers.

Brief Highlights of California History

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The Mexican Era

The Spanish era in California ended, politically, toward the end of 1822 when Mexico, under General Iturbide, threw off the yoke of Spain and set up a separate Mexican empire with himself on the throne as Emperor Augustin I.

The Mexican era, under a succession of governors, lasted until 1846, and ended with the entrance by the United States into California's history in that year. Chiefly overland, the infiltration of Americans had set in during the period, with American influences and pioneers gradually forging to leadership.

Of the famed American trail blazers of this period was Captain Jedediah Smith, discoverer of the South Pass through the Rocky Mountains that made the historic "covered wagon" caravans possible. Smith, who survived almost incredible hardships, and death on several occasions—once in a hand to hand battle with a grizzly, which he killed with a knife, being fearfully mauled in the encounter—was the first man to bring an overland party to California, by the southern or Colorado river route.

Ambushed by Indians

He was the first American of record to cross the Sierras and the first American to travel the length of California overland, from San Diego to Fort Vancouver on the Columbia River. This intrepid scout—and the original Pathfinder, because he was twenty years before Fremont—ultimately met the death he had so often defied when he was ambushed by a band of Comanche Indians on the Cimmaron. He was then 32 years of age, having been a scout and trapper from his early youth.

His watch, Bible—which he always carried with him—and other personal possessions were later recovered from the Indians. The only geographical memorial in California to his great work, which has been altogether too little recognized by historians, is the Smith River, which he discovered, in Del Norte county.

Events Are Hastened

During this period—in 1841—the Russians, who had established a trading and hunting post at Fort Ross, near Bodega Bay, about 75 miles north of San Francisco, abandoned it. Fort Ross was established in 1812. At one time the Russians maintained a sealing post, manned by Aleutians, on the Farallone Islands, some 24 miles off the Golden Gate.

In the international picture, with Spain's North American power ended, England and France both were casting covetous eyes on California; a circumstance that quite apparently hastened the series of events destined to bring California under the American flag.

Bear Flag Republic

The opening of the year 1846 found California with a white population of about 10,000, including a considerable proportion of Americans engaged in agricultural pursuits, lumbering, and various kinds of trading. The Mexican hold in California was weak, centered at Monterey and in the north, at Sonoma, where General Vallejo maintained a semblance of military rule. Conditions were highly unsatisfactory for the settlers, with practically no cooperation either from the Mexican authorities or from the United States, through such occasional warships as visited at California harbors.

The climax to the settler's discontent came just before dawn, June 14, 1846, when General Vallejo and his staff were placed under arrest by a group of twenty-four Americans, in charge of Captain Ezekial Merritt. The Bear Flag of the California Republic then replaced the Mexican ensign on the flagpole before General Vallejo's headquarters. The party included Dr. Semple and William G. Ide, the latter becoming the leader of the Bear Flag regime.

Without authority to hoist the American flag, the settlers had decided on the design of a flag of their own, with a crudely painted grizzly bear and one star. The flag was hand-painted "with linseed oil and Venetian red" by one of the company, William L. Todd, a relative of Mary Todd Lincoln, wife of the Great Amancipator.

Suppresses Opposition

An interesting detail of a narrative of the day concerning the making of the flag, relates that when some red material was needed for embellishment it was supplied by Mrs. Captain John Sears and said to have been "part of a petticoat" worn by her while crossing the Sierras. A constitution was adopted by the settlers at Sonoma, declaring California a distinct, separate and sovereign nation.

Captain John C. Fremont, of the typographical engineers, who was in California on a "pathfinding" expedition for the government, became commander of the Bear Flag forces, organizing a battalion of mounted riflemen and promptly suppressing such minor opposition that the Mexican authorities endeavored to offer.

Fremont, called the "Pathfinder," had the famous scout, Kit Carson, attached to his command during his activities in California.

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Coordinating Council Heads Meet Here to Renew Drive

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ing in City Judge Lessing's courtroom.

History of Movement

Speaker Beam's address won the absorbed attention of the 30 more community Council chairmen present. He was formerly connected with the Los Angeles County Council and a probation office deputy. Then he carried the work to the National Probation association and for the past year and a half has been engaged in making a national survey of child welfare problems for the Federal government.

Inquiries from Japan, Belgium, the British Isles and other nations have been received, he said, concerning the work of the Coordinating Councils. In the United States this plan for improvement of child morale and conditions is just beginning to get national recognition. The idea was formed as result of informal meetings some 17 years ago between the head of schools and the police chief of Berkeley when they talked over cases of child delinquency.

Six years ago County Probation Officer Scudder formed the county Coordinating Council and since then the movement has grown until there are now 67 Councils active in this county and other states are becoming aware of the benefits to be gained by such a method.

Claim Erroneous Report Circulated

(Continued from Page 1-A)—H. Howard, general counsel of the M.W.D., announced that he will seek to have the Riverside county superior court rule on the question of whether the C.I.O. has the right to unionize a public project in California.

This question will be the crux of the effort by Howard to have Judge Morton of the Riverside court make permanent an injunction against the union forbidding illegal picketing and interference with the aqueduct project.

City Wants Cannon Back, No Questions Asked

PITTSBURGH, Kan. (U.P.)—The city fathers here want their old park cannon returned and are willing to pay a suitable reward and no questions asked.

The old 12-pounder, 113 years old and of Spanish make, rested in a park for 30 years. Recently it was stored in a scrap yard while the park was landscaped. From there it disappeared.

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